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Dear Friend:

I had expected to hear from you before now, but I guess you have been unable to get things lined up as yet. I saw where The Durham team was going to move to Newport News or Petersburg. I guess this is holding you up on getting an OK for Newport News for Easter Sunday.

I have just received a letter from Durham. I wrote them for Easter Monday. They answered and asked me to play Easter Sunday and Monday. I much prefer being in one of your parks Easter Sunday, but if the park cannot be had I will go to Durham rather than stay idle. Please write me by return mail, and let me know what is what.

I will also have The Yankees or The Grays between April 23rd and 30th, and as things stand, we may be able to come to Newport News, and Portsmouth the 26th and 27th. Are they available? Be sure and let me know this also when you answer. The Yankees are in Macon the 23rd and we are in Washington, and we plan to meet in Winston Salem the 24th, Durham the 25th, and Richmond the 26th. This would work out fine if we can have the parks those dates. Please let me know right away, in case we can't I will have to contact some other spots. As you know the time is fast approaching, and we have to have cards made and shipped, and distributed.

Did you get a team to play us Easter Sunday?
Did you get a sale for the uniforms? I will appreciate hearing from you right away.

Very Truly Yours